## --- RG-657 - 10 Cigars - Series “C” - 1938 - *imperforate* - 22 x 28 mm. - scanned at 150% scale ---

**--- “General Cigars”, Montreal - in 5 mm. Gothic three-digit <u>vertical</u> red - from 1954-56 ---**

**--- using the <u>heavy</u> 3 mm. Gothic company code 2-10D ---**

Judging by the codes used on the five cigar stamp by “General Cigars”, Montreal, the use of the three digit **208** on **RG-657** - the *violet* small imperforate ten cigar - came after the four digit **4207**. BABN records that they were printed in sheets of 130 stamps – probably 13 x 10.

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| | 211 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| --- | 221 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |

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**--- “General Cigars”, Montreal - in 5 mm. Gothic three-digit <u>horizontal</u> red - from 1954-56 ---**

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I feel that the above change in code orientation is simply a matter of packaging requirements, and that these two preceding formats ran concurrently.

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NOTE: All of the red codes listed (e.g. **211** etc.) are found in the cancellation collection. Any codes highlighted in yellow (e.g. **250**) were taken from eBay and ***are not*** in the collection.

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**--- “General Cigars”, Montreal - in 5 mm. Gothic three-digit horizontal red - from 1954-56 ---**

**--- using the thinner serifed 3 mm. Gothic company code** 2-10D **---**

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| --- | 241 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 255 | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| --- | --- | 262 | --- | --- | --- | --- | 267 | --- | --- |
| 270 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |

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**--- “General Cigars”, Montreal - in 5 mm. Gothic three-digit vertical red - from 1965 ---**

**--- using a thin 2½ mm. Gothic reversed company code** 10D-2 **---**

As seems to be customary, the reversed company code [ **10D-2** ] begins with **230**. This code reversal usually comes about in 1965, although for “Rothman of Pall Mall” the date was later - actually in 1973.

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| --- | 231 | 232 | --- | --- | 235 | --- | 237 | --- | 239 |
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| --- | --- | 252 | --- | 254 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
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**--- “General Cigars”, Montreal - in 5 mm. Gothic three-digit <u>horizontal</u> red - from 1965 ---**

**--- using a <u>thin</u> 2½ mm. Gothic reversed company code** 10D-2 **---**

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| **250** | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |

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